

## MORE CIVIL CASES

Records Show 278 More This Year Than Last.

## Crime and Difference of Opinion Cause Much Work.

Crime and differences of opinion between men led to much extra work for the personnel of the court of Topeka during the year 1920.

There were 1,125 civil actions this year, an increase of 278 cases. Criminal cases this year numbered 359, an increase of twelve cases over 1919. The criminal actions include preliminary hearings in felony charges and trials on misdemeanor charges.

Records Are Similar. The number of persons prosecuted on certain charges are almost identical for the two years. For example, there were seventy complaints for worthless checks given in 1919 and seventy-seven in 1920. There were seventy complaints on theft and larceny charges in 1919, and eighty in 1920. These two offenses led in numbers all others handled thru the court.

Successful and unsuccessful attempts to obtain money under false pretenses led to the issuance of thirty-three complaints during the year closed today, as compared to twenty-two the preceding year. Fugitive seems to be slightly on the decline in the county, as only twenty-three complaints were issued on account of this crime as compared with twenty-five in 1919. There were twenty-five civil description charges this year and twenty-nine last year.

Six White Slave Cases. Crimes against women and girls, or directly involving them increased this year. Twenty-five complaints were given on various charges of this nature as compared with nineteen last year. There were six white slave cases year, seven last year. There were sixteen burglary complaints both years. Robberies this year numbered six last year five.

There were two murders both years, but the county appears to be growing more brotherly, for whereas there were ten attempted murders in 1919, there were only five this year that found their way into the court records. All civil actions involving less than \$200 are tried in the court of Topeka.

## KANSAS SHERIFF KILLED

Frank Blizard of Elk County Killed by Discharge of Dynamite.

Coffeyville, Kas., Dec. 30.—Frank Blizard, sheriff of Elk county, was killed as a result of a discharge of dynamite at Howard Kas., this afternoon. Unknown whether he was the victim of a plot or suicide.

Blizard drove his Ford car into Pawnee creek, a mile north of Howard, apparently to wash the wheels. Men nearby hear a terrific explosion and on investigation found the mangled body of the officer and his demolished car. A number of undischarged sticks of dynamite were picked up nearby.

He had served two terms as sheriff of Elk county and recently rented a house in Howard to occupy till he gets possession of his farm March 1 next. There is no known motive for suicide nor had he any enemies so far as known. He is survived by his widow and three children.

## POLICE ESCORT FOR WOMEN.

Evanson Streets Have Become Unsafe for Women at Night.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Women in Evanson may have a policeman as an escort when compelled to go out alone at night, according to an announcement today by Chief of Police Legett.

Within the last few weeks many women have been attacked by men in Evanson. Escorts may be had by simply calling the police station, the chief said.

Files Sift for Over Quarter Million. Ma., Dec. 31.—Harry L. Thompson, Joseph C. Flower, T. R. Gerlach and H. J. Weber, all of Joliet, Ill., yesterday sued L. E. Skilton of Oklahoma for \$100,000 in United States district court here, alleged to be due on a \$500,000 payment for the control of the Bremer Motor corporation of Joliet.

## "CHINA'S PLIGHT" IS DEPICTED BY FAMOUS ARTIST



Raleigh's illustration, "China's Plight."

In a recent cablegram to the state department, Charles R. Crane, U. S. ambassador to China, pointed out the deplorable condition in China, where 15,000,000 persons are starving to death. Ten thousand are dying daily. The condition described inspired Henry Raleigh, noted illustrator, to make the above drawing.

## CLEVELAND BANDITS KILL TWO

Crashed Into Auto, Slew Occupants and Seized \$4,200 Cash.

Cleveland, Dec. 31.—W. W. Sly, president, and George J. Fanner, vice-president of W. W. Sly and Fanner company, were murdered by five payroll bandits who escaped with \$4,200 in cash after holding up the two men at the company's plant this morning. Sly and Fanner died instantly.

The bandits drew revolvers after the two men were driven toward their plant in a machine crashed into them. When Sly and Fanner clambered from their wrecked car another machine drove up. The occupants of the car which caused the crash descended from the car and addressed the two officials, warning them for the wreck.

Witnesses told the police that the bandits drew revolvers after a man's party, and without warning deliberately shot down Sly and Fanner. They seized the money bag and fled away.

## TO SAVE MILLIONS IN TAXES

Merchants Can Figure Lowest Cost of Stocks on Their Returns.

Washington, Dec. 29.—An amendment to the tax regulations which treasury officials believe will save business men millions of dollars, was announced today.

The amendment allows merchants and owners of stocks in making out tax statements to take into consideration price drops during the past year which have affected the value of their holdings.

The amendment applies to inventories in which taxpayers will be able to list their goods at prevailing prices which generally are lower than those of a year ago. Storekeepers who have reduced prices may list their goods at these reduced prices.

## Will Probe Resolution Scandal.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Prohibition Commissioner Kramer today pledged nothing will be left undone to uncover corruption in the prohibition department in connection with the alleged whiskey ring for issuance of fraudulent permits to obtain liquor, uncovered in New York and Washington.

## COST 600 MILLION

High Revel To Celebrate Coming of the New Year.

Estimated 10,000,000 Will Take Part In Ceremony.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Approximately sixty million dollars will be squandered in merry-making celebrations of New Year's eve tonight if the nation runs true to form as shown in government reports of other years.

Probably ten million men, youths and young women, will spend the evening at theaters, hotels, cabarets, dance halls and other public places whose proprietors are banking on tonight's gate receipts to pull them thru a financially dull December.

The government, however, will coin money in consumption taxes on the national revel in all cases except liquor consumption. Tax receipts on admissions to theaters and cabarets are expected to net the government at least \$500,000 for the evening, or 10 per cent of the sum spent for this purpose.

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## WEATHER

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The thermometer did not reach freezing.

The temperature Thursday night was 29 degrees above the normal for this season of the year.

This afternoon the temperature will drop to near 45 degrees, and tonight will drop to about 30. Tomorrow afternoon the chill will begin to assert itself and the mercury will hardly go above 45 degrees.

The lowest temperature in the state Thursday night was 29 degrees at Goodland, and that was one of the lowest in the United States, west of the Mississippi.

The temperature in the United States was 14 degrees at Salt Lake, Utah, which has no effect on the future of the Kansas weather.

High temperatures prevailed in the northwest again this morning, 36 degrees being reported at Harter, Mont. While the high temperatures there exist there is no chance for a sudden cold wave in Kansas.

The temperature of snow reported in the state during the past two days was clear from Topeka to San Francisco and from Texas to Canada.

The clouds which hovered over Topeka this morning will be dispelled by tonight.

The highest temperature ever reported on the last day of the year in Topeka was 65 degrees in 1914 and the lowest was 3 degrees below zero in 1911.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the wind was blowing at 13 miles an hour from the south.

## DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

| Forecast            | High | Low | Wind  | Clouds | Temp. |
|---------------------|------|-----|-------|--------|-------|
| Topeka, Kan.        | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| St. Louis, Mo.      | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| Chicago, Ill.       | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| Indianapolis, Ind.  | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| Philadelphia, Pa.   | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| New York, N. Y.     | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| Boston, Mass.       | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| San Francisco, Cal. | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| Portland, Ore.      | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| Seattle, Wash.      | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| San Diego, Cal.     | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| Albuquerque, N. M.  | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| Phoenix, Ariz.      | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| Los Angeles, Cal.   | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| San Jose, Cal.      | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| San Antonio, Tex.   | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| Fort Worth, Tex.    | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| Dallas, Tex.        | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
| El Paso, Tex.       | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |
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| El Paso, Tex.       | 42   | 24  | Clear | Clear  | 42    |

## OSWELLER WANTS NEW TRIAL

Convicted of Murdering Sweetheart Wichita Man Charges Jury Unfair.

Wichita, Dec. 30.—Motion for a new trial was filed here today by the attorney for Theodore Osweller, Jr., found guilty last Monday of murder in the second degree for the killing of his sweetheart, Miss Caroline Cunningham, on the steps of the Catholic cathedral, August 1, 1920.

The motion charges that the jury was guilty of misconduct and was prevented from giving a fair and impartial decision. The motion will be heard next Monday.

## It Is Clever Negro Orchestra.

No matter what your taste in music—whether you are a pronounced "high brow" or a jazz addict, or just a melody hungry soul—there is a feast in store when the American Syncopated Orchestra and Singers appear here Monday, January 4, at the Grand.

The thirty or more talented negro artists who comprise this unique organization have been called the "musical aristocrats" of their race.

## Play For Indoor Tennis Title.

New York, Dec. 31.—Vincent Richards, national indoor tennis champion, and Terry Lane, New York public schools champion, were opponents in the final round today of the national indoor junior tournament.

In the doubles Richards was coupled with P. McHugh of Yale against A. K. Glone and Ernest Kuhn of New York.

Has 2,800 Houses for Sale. Washington, Dec. 31.—The United States shipping board will try to sell about 2,800 houses today. Bids will be opened for barracks and other structures built to accommodate ship workers during the war.

Del.: Camden, N. J.: Chester, Pa.: Lorain, Ohio; Wyanotte, Mich., and Cretan, Conn.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Graham's KIDNEY PILLS. BLOOMING GUMS. The genuine is the signature of E. W. Grove. 30c.—Adv.

## HATTIE SIMPSON DEAD

Mother of State Legislator Dies at Home at Canton.

Mrs. Hattie Simpson, 63, of Canton, Kan., wife of the late J. M. Simpson, Republican leader, and mother of Lacey M. Simpson, formerly a prominent member of the state legislature, died Thursday at her home. Apoplexy caused her death. The funeral will be held from her home in Canton Saturday morning. Burial will be in McPherson cemetery.

The late J. M. Simpson, owner of a big farm in McPherson county, was unusually active during the last few weeks, according to reports from prohibition agents and police of big cities.

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## IS GIVEN OVATION

La Scala Orchestra Opens American Tour in New York.

Metropolitan Opera House Sold Out Two Months Previous.

New York, Dec. 31.—By request the opening of the American tour of the orchestra under Toscanini, who spent almost ten seasons at the Metropolitan's conductor, the audience included many of the most distinguished representatives of the diplomatic service, the social, industrial, political and musical world.

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